

Subject: Re: Fwd: No cost CO Fishing License for WT's
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Gordy-

Here's my letter for you. I hope it helps. I also pasted it at the end of this email in case you can't open it.

Thanks-

Cory

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I am writing this because I was unable to make it to talk in person. I think giving the service members in the WTU the ability to go fly fishing for free is a great thing. It can help them heal from injuries and wounds they got overseas. It can help them find peace after coming back from war. I remember when I first got into Healing Waters, I was unable to fish often because I did not have a fishing license. I know that Colorado offers a discount on licenses for service members, but I was unable to afford it because of trying to take care of my family in South Dakota. Fly fishing has helped me work through some of my PTSD issues. I was able to find peace in my life with fly fishing. Through my deployments I have lost friends and family members. I have known too much pain and suffering. With the help of Healing Waters and the mentors I have found peace on the water. It could help other service members find some peace after the chaos of war. I know the fishing licenses aren't expensive, but we don't get paid a lot and when we have families, our money goes to them first. I can't speak for others, and I know I used we in spots, but I think that giving service members in the WTU fishing licenses is an honorable thing. I feel that it will help those coming into the WTU an outlet for their feelings and pain. It will give them hope. I am sorry I was unable to be there in person and I hope this letter will help make this happen for service members coming in from the war.

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